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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

SIR:

Applicants have submitted herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee, granting such petition will extend the period for responding to the outstanding final office action to December 2, 2006. Further, the instant preliminary amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination, entry of the instant amendment prior to further examination is requested

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